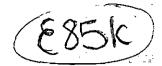
October 8, 1986



Dear Ben:

On President Reagan's behalf, I would like to thank you for your recent letter and telegram urging that the issue of human rights for Soviet Jews and the case of Raoul Wallenberg be included in discussions with General Secretary Gorbachev.

The President appreciates receiving your comments about his upcoming meeting with Mr. Gorbachev in Iceland. Let me assure you that human rights is of great importance to this Administration, and our commitment to significant, sustained progress in this area remains unshaken. The issue of justice for Soviet Jews was discussed at length when the Prosident met Mr. Gorbachev in Geneva, and will be on the agenda in Reykjavik. I have also shared with our foreign policy advisers your concern over the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, Cong Affrs, State - for appropriate action